



Attorney's Docket No. OHS-299/DIV  
MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 1754  
TANAKA et al. ) Examiner: Stuart L. Hendrickson  
Serial No.: 10/608,262 )  
Filed: June 30, 2003 )  
For: **DYE FIXING AGENT FOR WATER-COLOR INK, INK JET RECORDING  
MEDIUM AND POROUS HYDROTALCITE COMPOUND**

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22314-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of July 22, 2004, with a three month shortened statutory period to respond set to expire on October 22, 2004. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed with a petition for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee.

In view of the following remarks and claim amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections and allow all claims as presently claimed in this application.